

A. S.

I shall not be able to gain my Passkey for some time - So I should like to come home on a month's furlough - I do not know how to write it over third Lieut. W. Milton is in Command now who is going on with the rest of the Men which are left and cared - and follow the Army - I do not know how long we will stay here in this house - which is on the Baltimore Turnpike road - 5th W of Gettysburg -

I hope to be out of Massachusetts - so to be near you till I am able again to do duty - You at home can do a good deal for me - I know you and Mrs Chapman have high friends which I suppose can make it possible for me to get home for a month - to get well -

I will see myself by the by what I can do with my Doctor as soon we have a Hospital or where we are going to be moved -

Well Miss Hannah, I am lucky that I have got out the fight so saved it over all the time a shower of Bullets over and round me three bullets went through my blouse - a bullet hit my bridge-side and my head while pointing the Gun 1/2

oh it was terrible - Capt. Bigelow is Wounded twice and going home - Lieut. Eriqson
killed and left on the field - Lieut. Whitaker Wounded - and gone home - We have 3 Sergeants Wounded
1 killed - Corp. Baker was Wounded very severely - & given to be dead - there is forty
others missing in killing & wounded - 60-70 Horses - killed -

We stood the ground and fought like Tigers - to the last extremity -

As soon I am removed I shall write again - please give my

kind regards with three Cheers - for the Victory near Gettysburg to Mrs. Weston
to the Dr. Miss Anna Miss Emma and Mrs. Chapman

and to Almira and little Anna inform them that I am all
right - and I should like to come home to see them all

Yours with respects and good spirits

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